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Fast, Timothy

From: Janssen, Andy
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2002 4:09 PM
To: Fast, Timothy
Subject: request

Tim,

Attached is the letter from Pedro's constituent. I don't want the first paragraph addressed because I think the law is clear regarding the use of lights by law enforcement. Just stick to giving the REACT members use of red and amber lights.

Here is the link to REACT International's site. <http://www.reactintl.org/>

Please call if you have questions.

Thanks,

Andy Janssen
Office of Representative Colón
(608) 267-7669



Greg Barry REACT
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7-24-01

The Milwaukee Area Radio Emergency Association Communications Team (REACT) president and communications officer decided that the status of the light laws had to be changed or more specific. A lot of the law enforcement vehicles are running lights that are not in the statute. We are asking you (The State) to let police and all other law enforcement agencies in our state to run red and blue, all blue, flashing oscillating rotating high intensity strobes and arrow sticks.

The REACT-teams in Wisconsin would like your support for our vehicles to run amber and red for emergencies to help out disabled motorists and traffic control at fires and accidents and at parades and events at parades and Mutual Aid to run amber and red for emergency. It passed the President of each team that the law is followed.

Sincerely
President King Bang of Milw Area REACT

on sanctioned public safety
what is "public safety" in the Stat.

get response in two weeks

- William Ford memo to Brian Bucke
- other state research.
- There's a REACT in Marathon County /32

Attn: King Bang
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Mil 53204

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Waukesha

672-6034

Next meeting: 10/7 Bavarian Inn

8/7/25
Phil Cardillo

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When *SECONDS* count...

REACT... is there.

In emergencies, reliable communications are the lifeline for survival.

REACT is a public service organization comprised of private radio operators serving travelers and their communities alike with radio communications. Member volunteers are dedicating to improving their communities by providing voluntary, two-way communications.

Purposes include:

- the correct usage of CB Emergency Channel 9.
- developing the skilled use of the CB Radio Service, GMRS (UHF), Amateur with packet, BBS, Cellular and other radio services as additional sources of communications in emergencies.
- coordinating efforts with other emergency organizations including Police, FEMA, NOAA, RACES, ARES, NOVAD, the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross.
- providing public service communications for travelers and their local communities.
- using their radios in the interest of public safety. Many teams monitor Citizens Band [CB] Radio Emergency Channel 9. Many also use radios called General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) and have access to local GMRS Repeaters, generally on the 462.675 MHz frequency. Some teams have more than one repeater, or may be on different



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Thank you for wanting to learn more about REACT, our history, and what we offer to you as a future member.

REACT OBJECTIVES

1. To assist in any emergency by furnishing radio communications in cooperation with authorities and other volunteer organizations.
2. To practice and encourage operating excellence through skilled communications techniques.
3. To maintain equipment at peak efficiency and operate in accordance with all government regulations.
4. To advise the public on correct, effective use of CB Emergency Channel 9.

REACT COOPERATION

Teams participate in their communities' disaster preparedness plans through cooperative agreements with the American National Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the National Weather Service. Full text of these agreements are available for reading below, by clicking on the appropriate icon for each agency.

In addition, REACT International is a participating member of National VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters). Many of our State Council organizations and local Teams are also members of their State or sub-state chapters of VOAD.

REACT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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- Authorized to use REACT I.D. materials.
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- Training materials.
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frequencies.

Today's **REACT** Teams provide Safety Radio assistance for community events such as:

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- parades,
- runs,
- walk-a-thons,
- bike tours,
- boat races and even
- hot air balloon festivals.

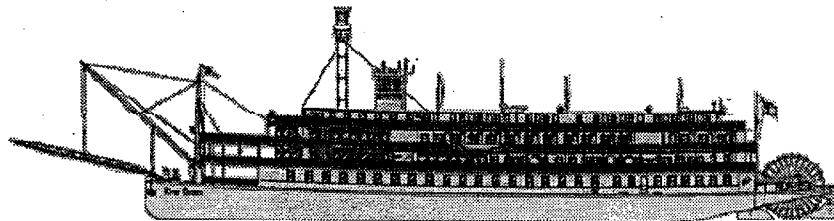
REACT Teams host "Safety Wake Breaks" on holiday week-ends along the highways. Because of our efforts, REACT is a recipient of the **President's Volunteer Action Award**. Our member teams work to "assist in and improve" their local communities, work an untold number of small local emergencies ranging from single family house fires, multi-unit apartment fires, brush fires, chemical spills, train derailments, to assisting during shelter operations by the Red Cross, Salvation Army or other agencies during floods, and of course our relentless monitoring of Emergency CB Channel 9.



For an exciting challenge in community service, Contact us.

***September 11, 2001 Disaster Relief Efforts
by REACT in support of the Salvation Army in New York City and
Washington. DC. Click Here.***

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Des Moines, Iowa. Click Here.***



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REACT is divided into Regions. Within their respective regions, Regional Directors oversee REACT team/council operations according to specific Director duties. Teams of 3 or more members are assigned to a Region based on their geographical location.

Councils oversee portions of the Region, usually a state or a portion of a state. To find the closest team near you, click on the geographical region below.

If you don't find a team that is local to where you live, have you considered there are only 14-Steps to start your own REACT Team? Need more information?

There is an abundance of resources that will help you in making your decision.

- The information on this web site is absolutely free and fully at your immediate disposal, but don't stop there!!
- Check and see if there is a REACT Council in your state, province or country. We are making every effort to provide up-to-date contact information, including e-mail.
- If no Council is available, contact the team of the town nearest you. This may not be in the same State, especially if you live close to the border between jurisdictions.
- Contact REACT International. You'll find everyone is ready and willing to assist you with whatever assistance you need.
- But don't stop there. There are [literally] hundreds of web sites and e-mail addresses just a "click" away. Contact other teams and ask them why they continue to volunteer, to support our organization and the neighborhoods where they live, and finally, ask them to explain how proudly fulfilling it is to provide a public service through voluntary two-way radio communications!!.

What you decide to do ... don't wait!! Click here to download an information packet (Adobe ".pdf" format) on starting your own team.

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The team contact information for the state you requested is listed below in alphabetical order by the city in which the teams are located.

For all STATE COUNCIL contact information

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4755 Door County REACT, Inc.

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Mishicot, WI. 54228-0207

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- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
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- Vermont
- Virginia
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- Wisconsin
- West Virginia

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 WEB: <http://rsd4813.wireact.org>

6057 Sheboygan County REACT
 305-1/2 N. Pleasant St.
Plymouth, WI. 53703
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 WEB:

4879 Portage Area REACT, Inc.
 P.O. Box 422
Portage, WI. 53901-0422
 PHONE: 608-742-6603
 EM: 4879@wireact.org
 WEB: <http://www.wireact.org/4879>

4089 Waukesha Area REACT, Inc.
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Waukesha, WI. 53187-1825
 PHONE: 262-524-2641
 EM:
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4730 Marathon County REACT, Inc.
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CONTACT: Shawn Howe

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Fast, Timothy

From: Janssen, Andy
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2002 2:38 PM
To: Fast, Timothy
Subject: RE: REACT member use of red and amber lights

Tim,

Great quote. I just might use that in the future.

Go ahead and make the change as you have suggested. It works for me.

I hope your holiday is restful, peaceful and happy.

Andy

-----Original Message-----

From: Fast, Timothy
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2002 11:39 AM
To: Janssen, Andy
Subject: RE: REACT member use of red and amber lights

Andy -- No need to with me to apologize for delay. No harm, no foul. As a good friend often says: "The earth is round. We'll get there."

Re your question, current law only permits strobe lights on school buses, human service vehicles, and mail delivery vehicles. Mail delivery vehicles "may be equipped with a flashing amber lamp or strobe light". See s. 347.26 (8), stats. If you'd like REACT vehicles to have a strobe light option, I'd recommend using "may be equipped with a flashing red or amber lamp or strobe light". Just let me know at your convenience and I'll finish up the bill as soon as I can and get it into editing.

Best wishes to you and Rep. Colon for a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Please take care. -- Tim

-----Original Message-----

From: Janssen, Andy
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2002 11:25 AM
To: Fast, Timothy
Subject: RE: REACT member use of red and amber lights
Importance: High

Tim,

Sorry for the delay in a response. Your idea about the draft language is good. Please draft it in that fashion.

Andy

p.s. Doe the current law allow for the use of strobe type lights?

-----Original Message-----

From: Fast, Timothy
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2002 12:21 PM
To: Janssen, Andy
Subject: REACT member use of red and amber lights

Andy -- Greetings. I am working on the above drafting request and wonder if s. 347.26 (11), stats. provides sufficient authority under current law for use of red and amber lights by REACT members. This statutory

authorization allows any motorist to use red and amber lights "for the purpose of warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing". This wording perhaps is too limited for REACT member purposes, such as parades. It wouldn't hurt to have a specific provision that's a little more expansive. What do you think? -- Tim

Timothy N. Fast
Senior Legislative Attorney
Legislative Reference Bureau
Phone: (608) 266-9739

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BILL

TNF: *kmj*

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[NOTE: See section 4.02 (2) (br), Drafting Manual, for specific order of standard phrases.]

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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attached

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION #.

CR; 347.26 (11)(am)

(B)

347.26 (11) (am) In addition to any other lamps authorized under this subsection, a vehicle that is being used by a noncommercial, private radio operator who is a member of a Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams, commonly referred to by the abbreviation "REACT" team in this state affiliated with the Wisconsin REACT Council of REACT Teams, Inc., may be equipped with a flashing red or amber lamp or strobe light mounted at the highest practicable point and showing to the front and rear that may be used only when the private radio operator is providing safety radio assistance at the scene of any emergency or accident, a fire, a stalled or disabled vehicle, or a parade or other community event.

(END)

Analysis

Current law generally prohibits any vehicle from displaying any flashing light. Specific exceptions allow flashing lights to be displayed on police vehicles, fire engines, ambulances, school buses, mail delivery vehicles, highway maintenance vehicles, and certain other vehicles. In addition, any vehicle may display flashing lights to warn other motorists of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring caution when approaching, overtaking, or passing the traffic hazard.

This bill permits vehicles that are being used by noncommercial, private radio operators who are members of a local Radio Emergency Associated Communication Teams ("REACT") team in this state to be equipped with a flashing red or amber lamp or strobe light. REACT is a public service organization comprised of

noncommercial, private radio operators who provide radio communications to their communities and to travelers. The flashing red or amber lamp or strobe light may only be used when providing safety radio assistance at the scene of an accident, fire, stalled or disabled vehicle, or other emergency, or at the scene of a parade or other community event.